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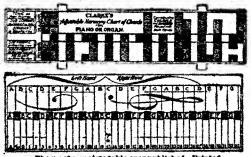
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Correct Position of Holding the Banjo.



ELEMENTARY.

Music consists of sounds, taken singly and collectively. A succession of single sounds form a melody. The science of combining these sounds is called harmony. Musical sounds are represented on paper by characters called notes. In order to ascertain the name of the characters a staff or stave is used, which consists of five parallel lines and four spaces, thus:

Theselines and spaces are counted from the bottom upwards. The pitch of the notes is determined by a character called a Clef. There are two Clefs used in music, the Treble or G clef and the

Bass or F clef J

The treble clef is the only one used in writting music for the Violin, Mandolin, Guitar and the Banjo. The first seven letters of the alphabet A, B, C, D, E, F and G are used to express the seven notes in music. Each line and space of the staff has one of these seven letters for its name, and a note placed upon one of these lines or spaces takes the name of the line or space upon which it is placed. The names of the lines in the treble clef are: First line E, second line G, third

line B, fourth line D, and fifth line F. Example.

The spaces are: First space F, second space A, third space C, and fourth space E.

The students will notice that the four letters used in naming the spaces spell the word face. The following sentence, by using the first letter of each word, may help the student in remembering the names of the lines: Every Good Boy Does Fine.

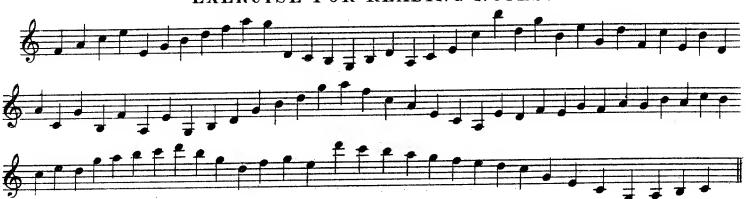
When the pitch of the notes are higher or lower than those given on the staff, small lines called

ledger lines are added, and the notes are written on or between them.



As seen in the above example the first line above is \boldsymbol{A} , the second \boldsymbol{C} . The first space above is \boldsymbol{G} , the second \boldsymbol{B} , and the third \boldsymbol{D} . The first added line below is \boldsymbol{C} , the second \boldsymbol{A} . The first space below is \boldsymbol{D} , the second is \boldsymbol{B} , and the third \boldsymbol{G} .

EXERCISE FOR READING NOTES.



There are six species of notes in general use. The longest of these is a whole note, shaped like the letter O, (o) a half note, shaped like the letter O with a stem (f), a quarter note, a black dot with a stem (f), an eighth note, a black dot, a stem and one flag (f), a sixteenth, note has two flags (f), and a thirty second note has three flags (f).

These notes have corresponding rests, which denote a silence equal in duration to the note which they represent. A whole rest is a small bar written under the fourth line of the staff \equiv a half rest is a small bar written over the third line \equiv , a quarter rest is like the letter $\mathbb{Z}(X)$

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or a crook to the right (γ) or this character (ξ) which is now in general use. an eighth rest, a crook to the left (γ), a sixteenth rest has two crooks to the left (γ), and a thirty-second rest has three crooks to the left (γ).

NOTES AND THEIR CORRESPONDING RESTS.

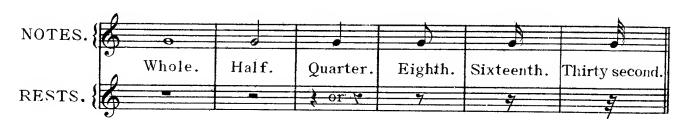


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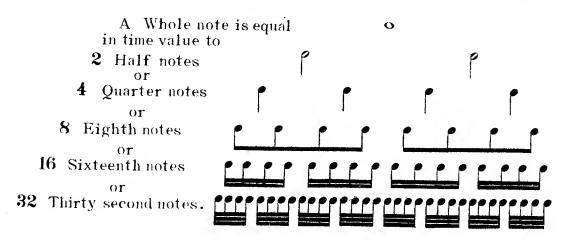
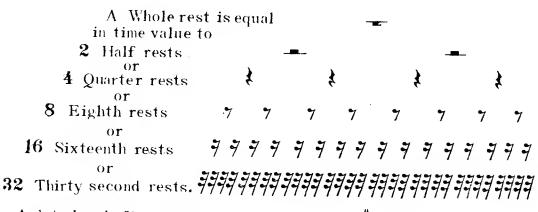
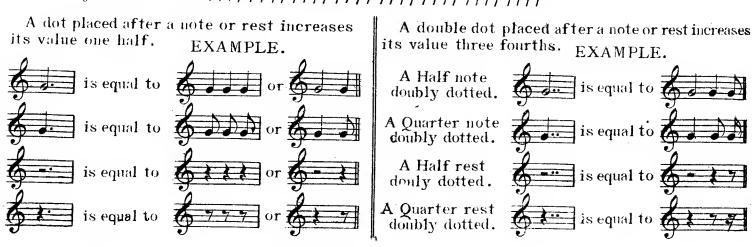


TABLE SHOWING RELATIVE VALUE OF RESTS.





A bar is a short line drawn across the staff to divide the music into equal portions. These equal portions are called measures. Example:

A double bar is used to denote the end of a piece or strain. Example:

Time has reference to the duration of sounds in general.

There are two kinds of time in general use: Common and Triple time. These species are subdivided into simple and compound.

Simple common time. Compound common time. Simple triple time. Compound triple time.

 \mathbb{C} or $\frac{4}{4}$, \mathbb{C} or $\frac{2}{4}$

 $\frac{6}{8}$ and $\frac{12}{8}$ $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{9}{8}$ and $\frac{9}{4}$

TIME LESSONS.



A Sharp(#) placed before a note raises it one half tone. (To raise a note the left hand moves toward the bridge of the instrument.)

A Flat (b) lowers a note one half tone. (To lower a note the left hand moves toward the keys.) The Natural (4) contradicts a Sharp or Flat and restores the note to its original position.

A double Sharp (x) raises a note already made sharp, another semitone.

A double Flat (b) lowers a note already made flat, another semitone.

A double Sharp is contradicted by a natural followed by a sharp (##).

A double Flat is contradicted by a natural and a flat (16).

A Semitone is the smallest interval used in music.

The natural semitones occur between $m{E}$ and $m{F}$, and between $m{B}$ and $m{C}$.

A Tone is the muon of two semitones.

THE SCALES.

There are three kinds of scales: Major Minor and Chromatic.

The major scale is known by its major third, and the minor by its minor third.

A Major third is when from the principle note to the third note there are four semitones.





A Minor third is when from the principle note to the third note there are three semitones.

A major scale is a series of whole and half steps from any tone to its octave. The half steps coming between three and four, and seven and eight.

SCALE OF C WITH SEMITONES SHOWN. SCALE OF G WITH SEMITONES SHOWN.



There are two kinds of minor scales; Melodic and Harmonic.

HARMONIC MINOR SCALE OF A.

MELODIC MINOR SCALE OF A.



Explanation of Melodic and Harmonic Minor scales.

In the Melodic minor scale the half tones occur between the second and third degrees and the seventh and eighth degrees in ascending and between the second and third and the fifth and sixth degrees in descending.

The Harmonic minor scale is the same descending or ascending and has three semitones occuring between the second and third, the fifth and sixth and the seventh and eighth degrees. Between the sixth and seventh degrees is an augmented tone. This scale will be used in this work.

An augmented tone consists of three semitones.

The Chromatic scale consists of twelve sucessive semitones.

CHROMATIC SCALE SHOWING TWELVE SEMITONES.



Dots placed before and after a bar indicate that the strain is to be repeated. Ex. A curved line over two or more notes is called a phrase. The notes should be Ex.

Played smooth and connectedly, the last note of the phrase is played staccato. Ex. Staccato is in indicated by dots placed over the notes, meaning that the text notes should be played short and detached.

A curved line between two notes of the same kind is called a tie and they Ex.

First and second endings are sometimes used when a strain is repeated. These endings are indicated hy brackets with the figures 1 and 2 placed in them. The first ending is used only when strain is first played. In repeating the strain the first ending is omitted and the second ending must be played. Example: 1 2

The letters **D**. **C**. stand for the word **D**a capo which is used at the end of a movement meaning to return to the first strain and play to **Fine** or the hold over the double bar.

The letters D.S. stand for the word Dal segno meaning to return to the sign (%).

Fine is the word used to indicate the end.

The abbreviation 8ra stands for the word Octava alta meaning to play an octave higher.

The word *Loco* signifies that the notes over which it is placed are not to be played an octave higher but as they are written.

Written. Played. Written. Played.

A Pause is a character A which lengthens the duration of a note or rest over which it is placed at the pleasure of the performer.

Cresc. is the abbreviation of the word Crescendo which denotes a gradual increase in the power of the tone. It is also indicated by the sign, ______ Dim or Diminuendo means to diminish gradually the power of the tone It is also indicated by the sign, _____

Accent is a stress given to certain notes in music according to their place in the measure. In common time the first and third beats are accented. In $\frac{3}{4}$ time the first beat is accented and in $\frac{6}{8}$ time the accent falls on the first and fourth beats of the measure Special accent is marked by a small angle > under or over the note. Syncopation occurs when the unaccented parts of a measure is connected with the next accented part. Example: 4 A dash over or under a whole note or through the stem of a half or quarter note divides the note Two dashes placed in the same manner divides the note into sixteenths. A triplet is a group of notes indicated by the figure (3) placed over or under the group and is connected by a slur. A triplet of any kind of notes is played in the same time as two notes of the same kind. A Grace note is a small note placed before a principal note, but has no given time in the measure. It is played quickly before the note following it and takes its time from that note. The grace note is also called an Appoggiatura. There are two kinds of grace notes: The long grace note which takes one fialf the value from the following note and receives the accent, and the short grace note which is played very quickly receiving no accent. Short grace note. Long grace note When two notes are played in rapid alternation a tone or semitone apart it is called a Trill or Shake. It is indicated by the sign (br) This sign is placed a bove the principal note, with the next note above. There are three kinds of trills, the Perfect Trill which has finishing notes, the Imperfect Trill without finishing notes and the Mordente or short trill, which is indicated thus:(m) Imperfect Perfect Trill 🗂 or Shake. 🧏 or Shake. 🖥 The Turn is expressed by the sign made thus: (>) The Turn is a group of three or four notes consisting of a principle note and the next note above and below it. The Turn is also called the Gruppetto. There are several forms of turns: When the sign is placed above a note If placed between two notes it is played thus: played thus: E if after a dotted note it is played thus: When a note in the turn is to be made sharp or flat, the sharp or flat is placed above or below the the sign. If the note above the principal is to be sharped or flatted the sharp or flat is placed a bove the sign(3) If the note below the principal is to be changed the sharp or flat is placed below the sign (3) When the sign is written in an upright position (5) it means to commence one note lower than the principal note, play one note higher and return to the principal note, thus: Signatures of the Twelve Major and Minor Keys. Key of A or F# Minor. Key of G or E Minor. Key of D or B Minor. Key of C or A Minor. Key of B or G# Minor. Key of Boor G Minor. Key of E or C# Minor. Key of F or D Minor.

Key of Abor F Minor.

Lev of Ebor C Minor.

Key of Gb or Eb Minor.

Key of Door Bo Minor.

ABOUT THE PITCH OF THE BANJO.

As a general rule Banjos of medium size are tuned to C. When tuning the Banjo to C, it is not meant that the notation of the same is altered; therefore there will always remain the difference of a minor third between music written for the Banjo and music that chords to it on the Piano, Guitar or Mandolin. For example:

Chord thus on the Guitar:



would correspond to this on the Banjo:



Notice the difference in signature, and remember that when the Banjo is tuned to C, this difference (a minor third) must always exist.

MANNER OF HOLDING THE BANJO.

Sit in an easy upright position, neither too high or too low, the Banjo resting on the front of the thigh, the neck inclined upwards, and a little forward, resting in the fork of the left hand, formed by the thumb and forefinger. The thumb should be kept pretty well under the neck although it has no fixed position. Elevate the elbow a little thus enabling the fingers to stop the string with ease.

HOW TO TUNE A BANJO.

The names of the strings on a Banjo are E,A,E,G sharp and B.E is the short string, A is the Bass, then comes E,G sharp, and B in the ordergiven.

Tune the 4th Bass String to A, with the aid of a pitchpipe, or to C when playing with any in-strument.

Tune the 3rd String to the Note made at the 7th Fret on the 4th String.

Tune the 2d String to the Note made at the 4th Fret on the 3d String.

Tune the 1st String to the Note made at the 3rd Fret on the 2d String.

Tune the 5th String an octave higher than the 3rd string, or to the note made at the 5th fret of the first string.

SIMPLE FINGERING.

RIGHT HAND.

The Thumb picks the 3d, 4th and 5th String, denoted by a cross (x)

The 1st Finger picks the 2d String, denoted by one dot (.)

The 2d Finger picks the 1st String, denoted by two dots(...)

LEFT HAND

All the Fingers are used in stopping the Notes at the different Frets. As a general rule

The 1st. Finger stops all Notes at the 1st. Fret.

The 2d. Finger all Notes at the 2d. Fret.

The 3rd. Finger all Notes at the 3rd Fret, except D on 1st Stg. which is made with 4th finger.

The 4th. Finger all Notes on 4th and 5th Frets.

(Remark) This rule only applies to Chords made in the 1st position.

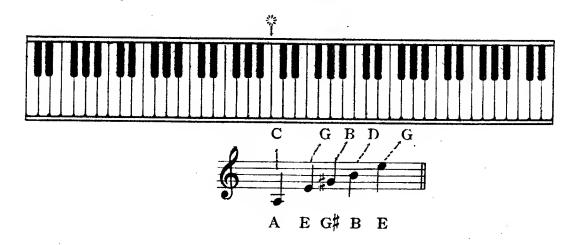
Figure 1 denotes 1st finger.

Figure 2 denotes 2nd finger.

Figure 3 denotes 3rd finger.

Figure 4 denotes 4th finger.

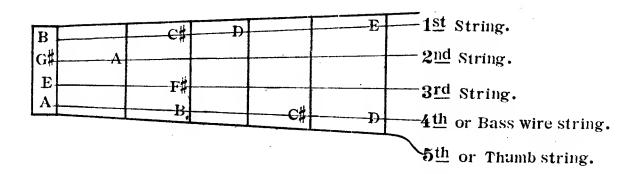
The diagram below represents the key board of a Piano or an Organ, and shows which strings to tune in unison, to certain keys, the strings being tuned open.



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4 4	4 (• •		"	C	no sh	arp	S		"				4 4		Eb 3
6 6	4.4		4.4		F	one	flat									16

DIAGRAM OF THE FINGERBOARD

Showing the Notes in the 1st Position.



TO TUNE THE BANJO TO THE GUITAR

Tune the 4th string to C of the Guitar.

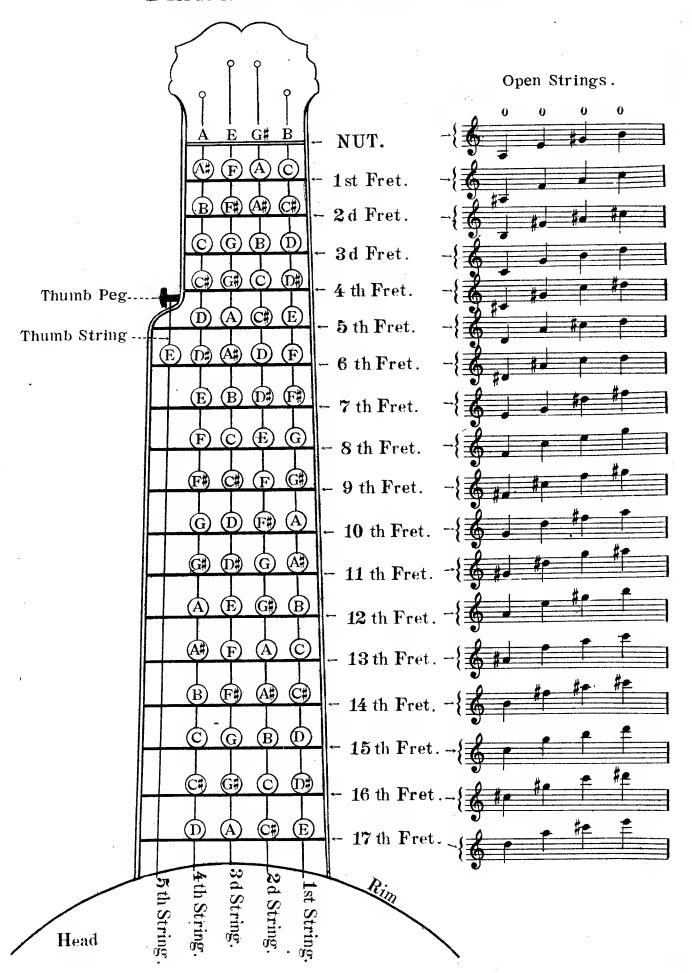
... 3rd ... G

2nd ... B

1st ... D

5th ... G

DIAGRAM OF THE BANJO FINGERBOARD.



SCALE IN A MAJOR AEG#B NATURAL KEY FOR BANJO. Sharp F. C. and G. String. 2 nd 1 st Fret. Finger. EXERCISE IN BROKEN THIRDS. OPEN STRINGS. EXERCISES IN 6 TIME. When E on the fourth space is made thus: it means to play it on the 5th or thumb string. When it has not the extra stem and hooks thus: it is to be played on the 1st string 5th fret.

SCALE ETUDE.



SIMPLE MELODY.



ETUDE.

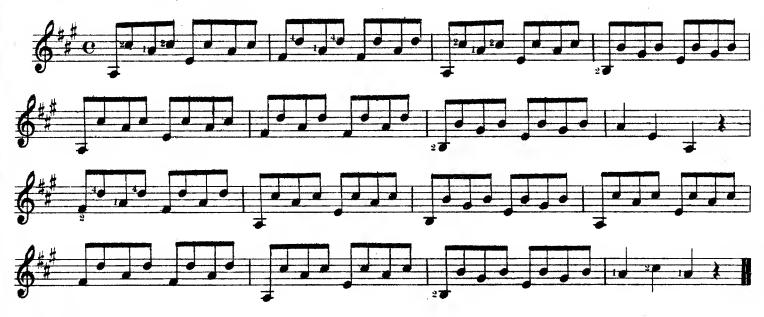


FINGER EXERCISES.



EXERCISES FOR THE RIGHT HAND.

A MAJOR. Sharp F, C and G.



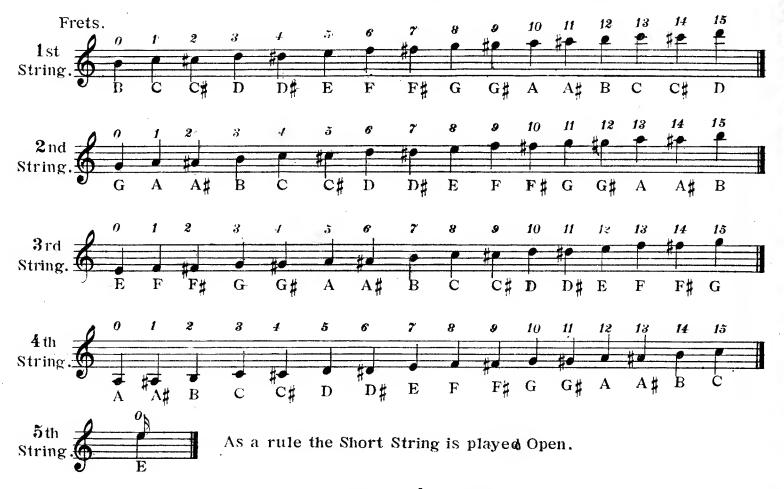
E MAJOR. Sharp F, C, G and D.



D MAJOR. Introducing dotted eighth. Sharp F and C.



DIAGRAM SHOWING NAMES OF THE FRETS.

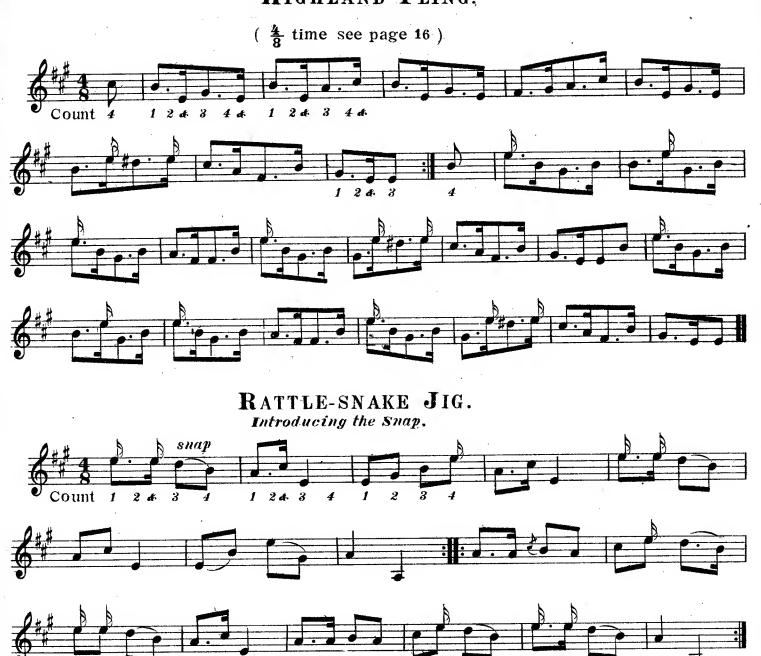


EXPLAINING $\frac{4}{8}$ TIME.

It is often advisable when six-teenth notes are used in $\frac{2}{4}$ time to change the time to $\frac{4}{8}$ counting four in each measure, one to each eighth note.



HIGHLAND FLING.



ARKANSAS TRAVELLER.



YANKEE DOODLE.



OLD OAKEN BUCKET.



THE JUMP JIG.



MINOR SCALE HARMONIC. F# MINOR RELATIVE OF A MAJOR. CHORDS IN F# MINOR 2d Barre.Pos 5 th B. P. 6 th. P. 4 th B. P. ETUDE IN F# MINOR, I. 4 time. 6 P. 9 B.P. 9 B. 4 B.P. ETUDE IN F# MINOR, II. 3 time.

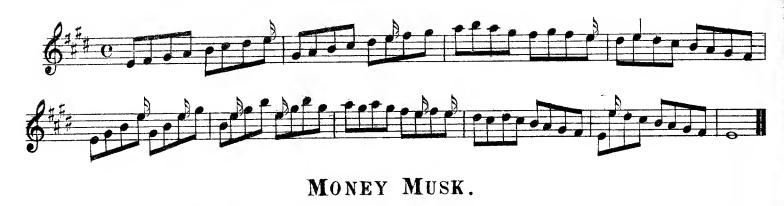
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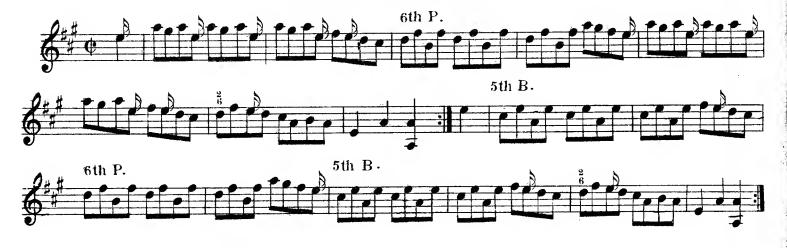




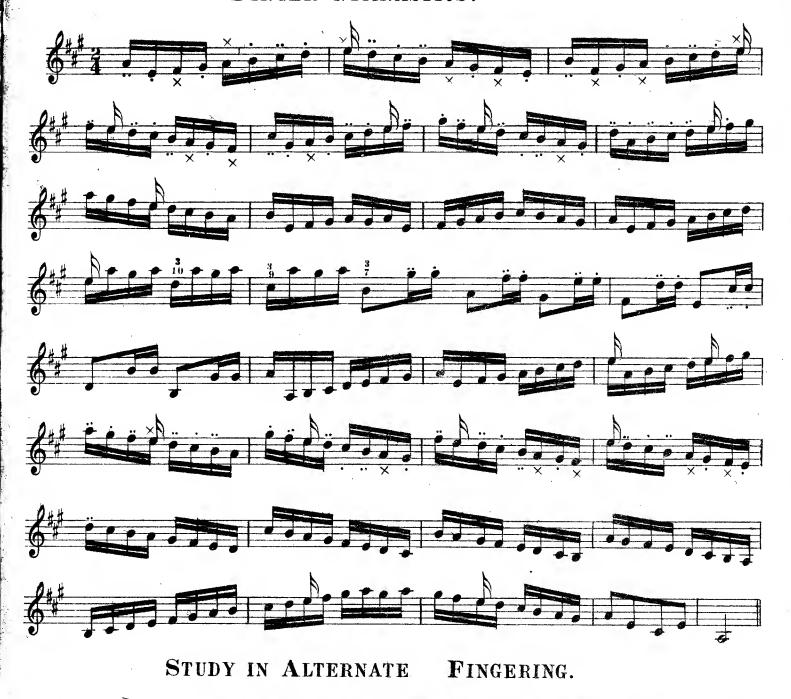
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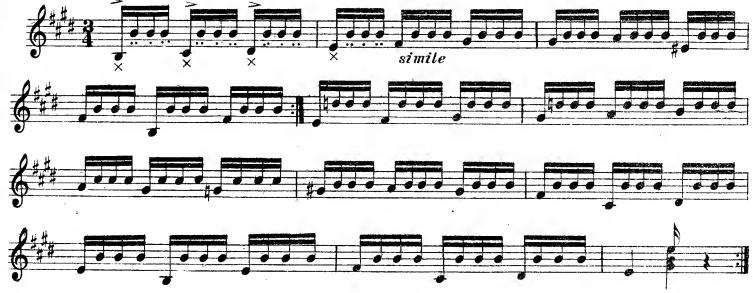


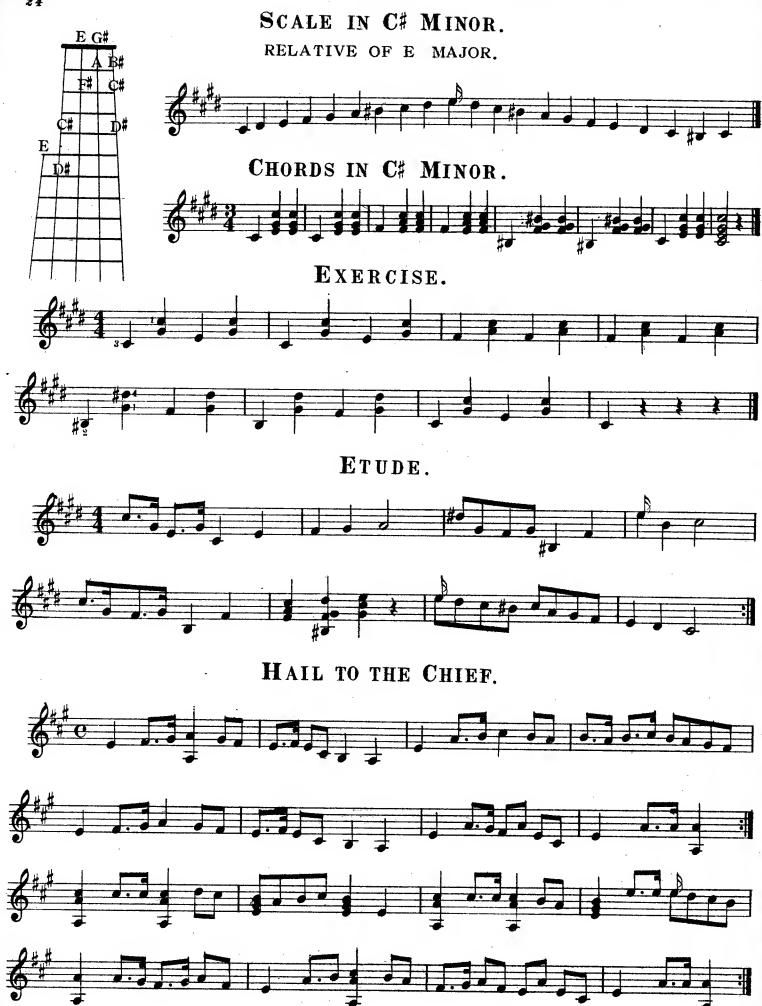
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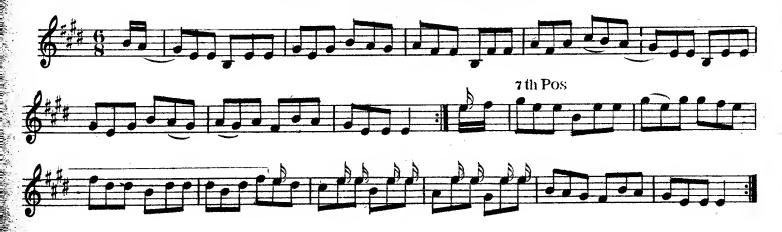


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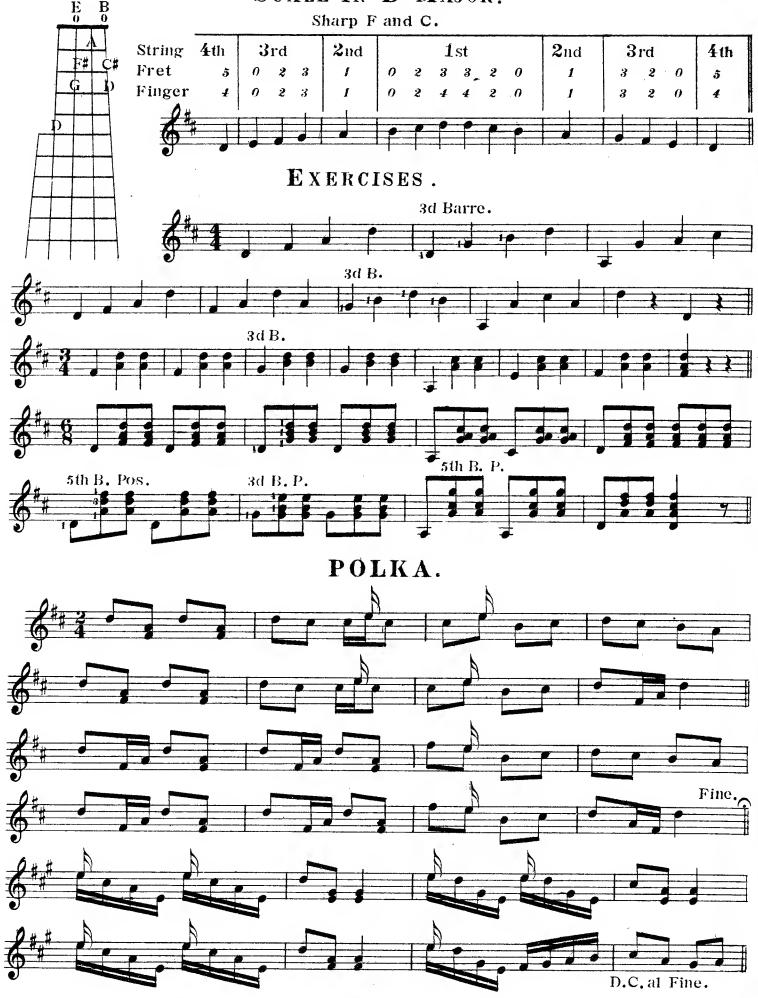
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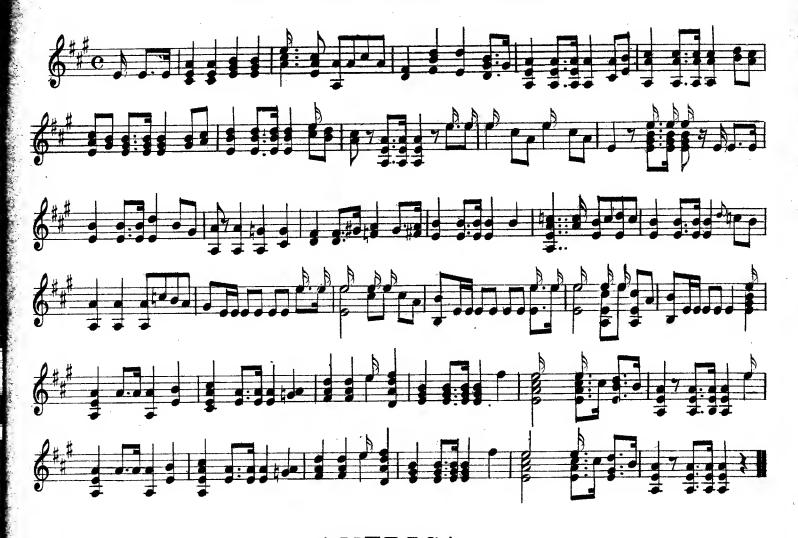
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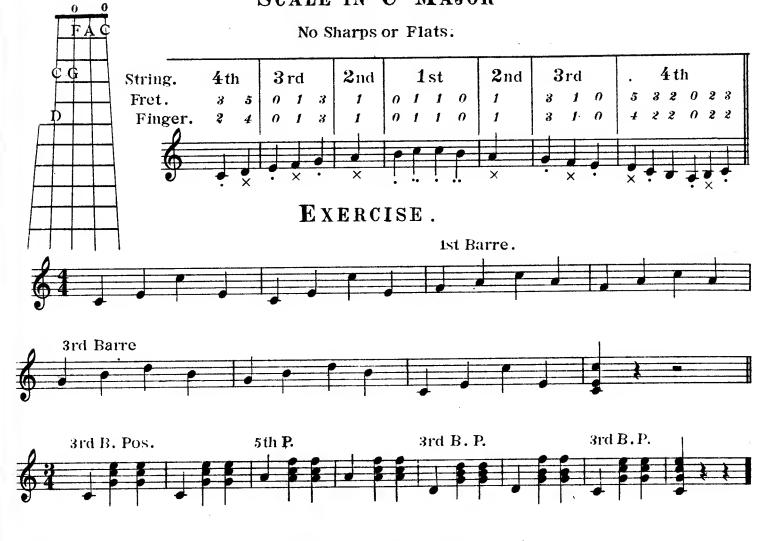
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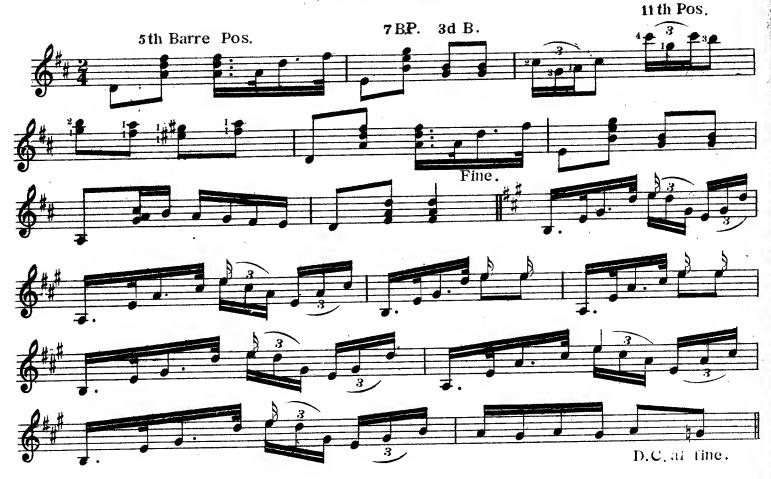
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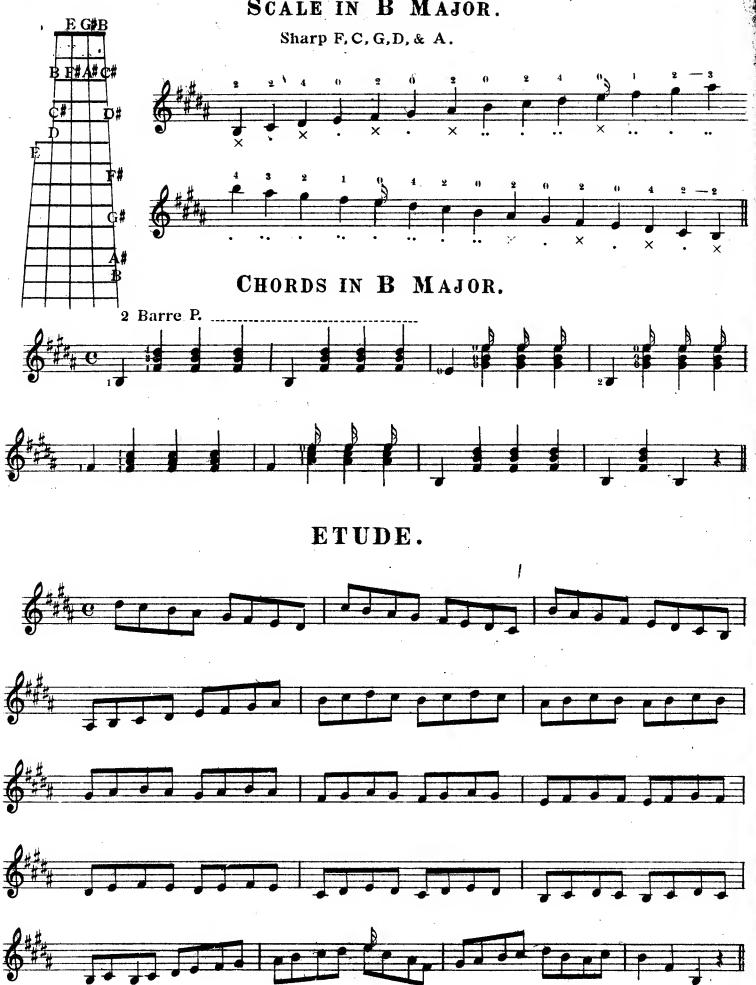
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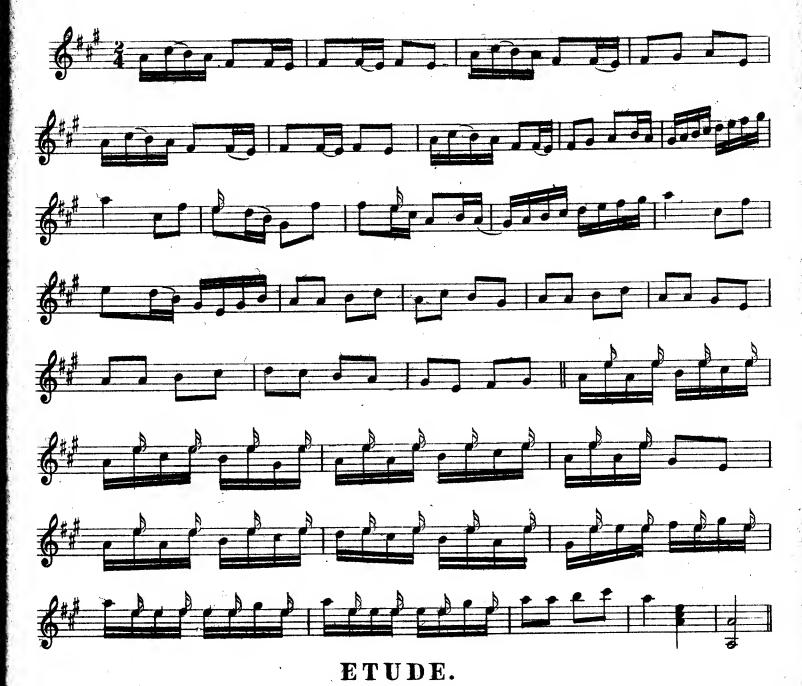


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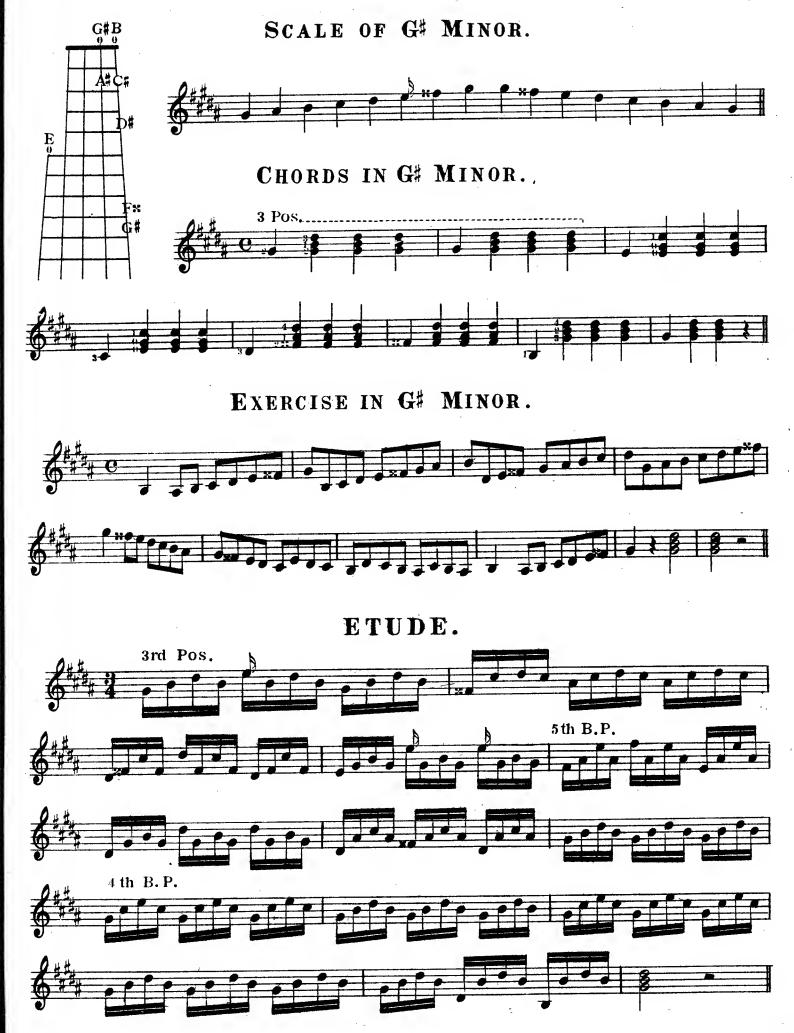
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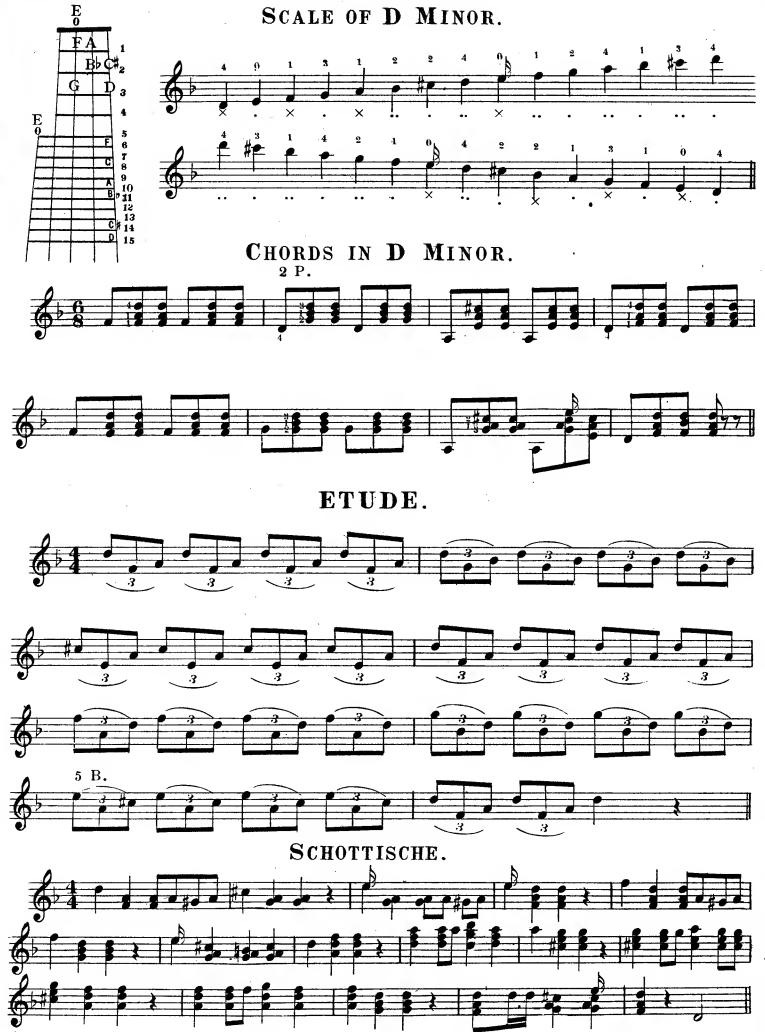
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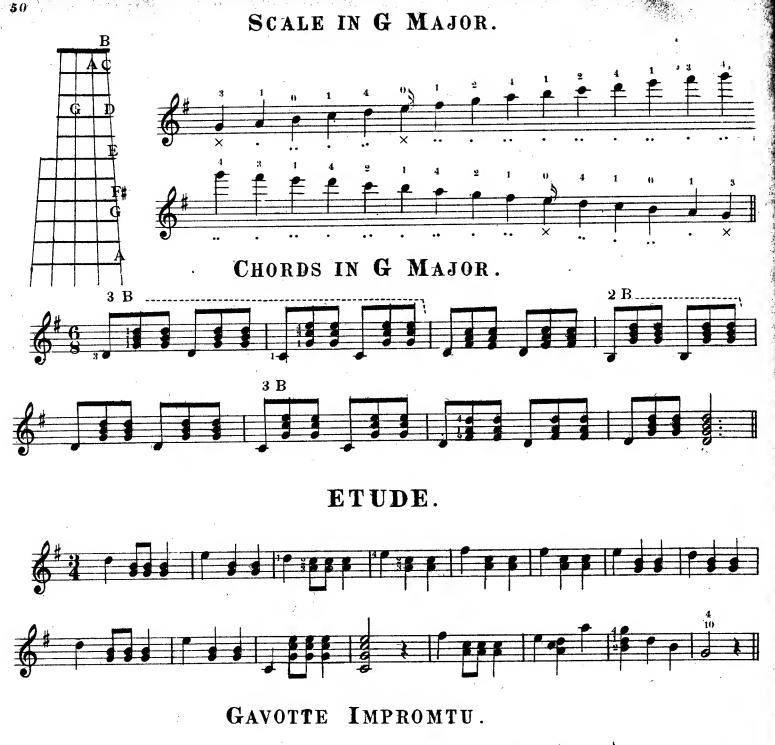
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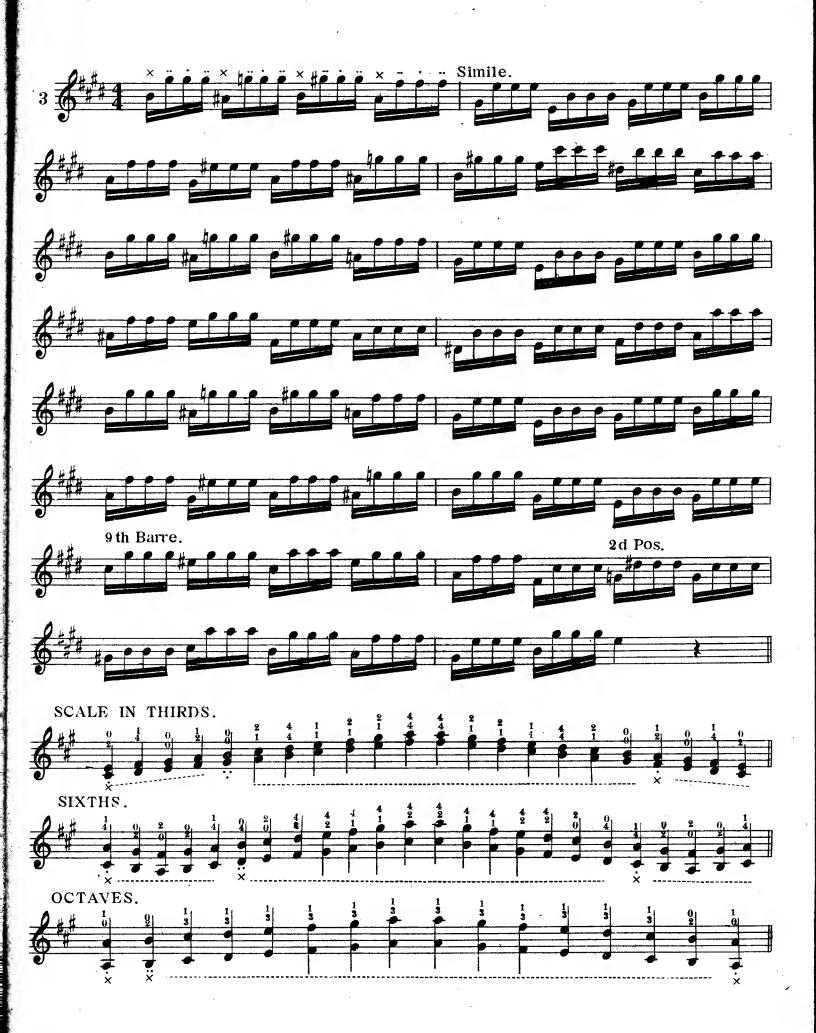








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THE TREMOLO.

The tremolo is executed with the first or second fingers which occillate very rapidly overthe string, causing a continous trill.

Sustained notes are played in this way and some melodies are played tremolo, while the thumb plays the accompaniment upon the strings not used for the melody, giving a beautiful effect.

TREMOLO EXERCISES.

Practise tremolo with 1st finger until mastered then use 2nd finger.



Tremolo on two strings.



Tremolo Exercise introducing thumb. Melody to be played tremolo with 1st finger. Notes with stems turmed down played with thumb.



HARMONICS.

Harmonic tones on the banjo can be produced at the 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, 12th, and 16th fret, on the first four strings and on the 17th fret of the 5th string.

The 5th,7th and 12th are primary. The 4th,9th, and 16th secondary.

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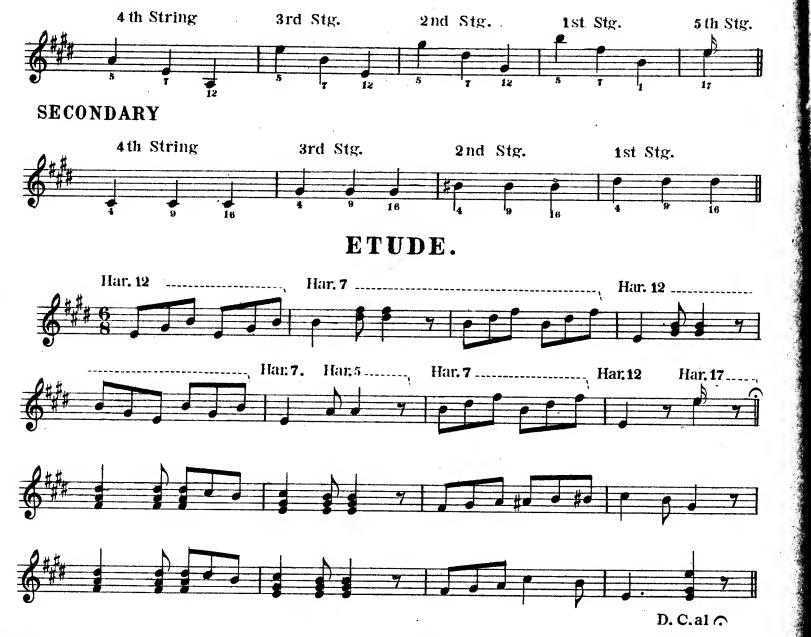
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Harmonics are made by laying the 3rd finger on the string over the fret designated with just sufficient force to prevent it from vibrating as when open. The finger should be raised as soon as the string is struck.

Harmonies are designated by the abbreviation Har. and figure indicating the fret.

TABLE OF HARMONICS





WHITE EAGLE MARCH

FOR ONE OR TWO BANJOS.

INTRO.





White Eagle March ? B



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BELMONT POLKA.

FOR ONE OR TWO BANJOS.





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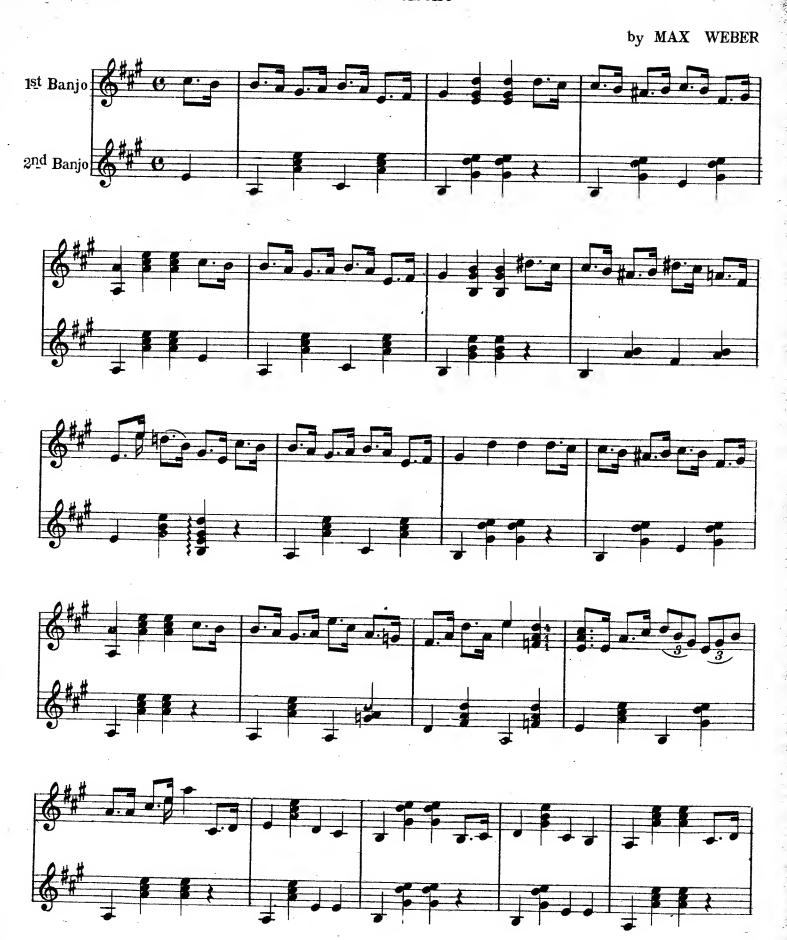
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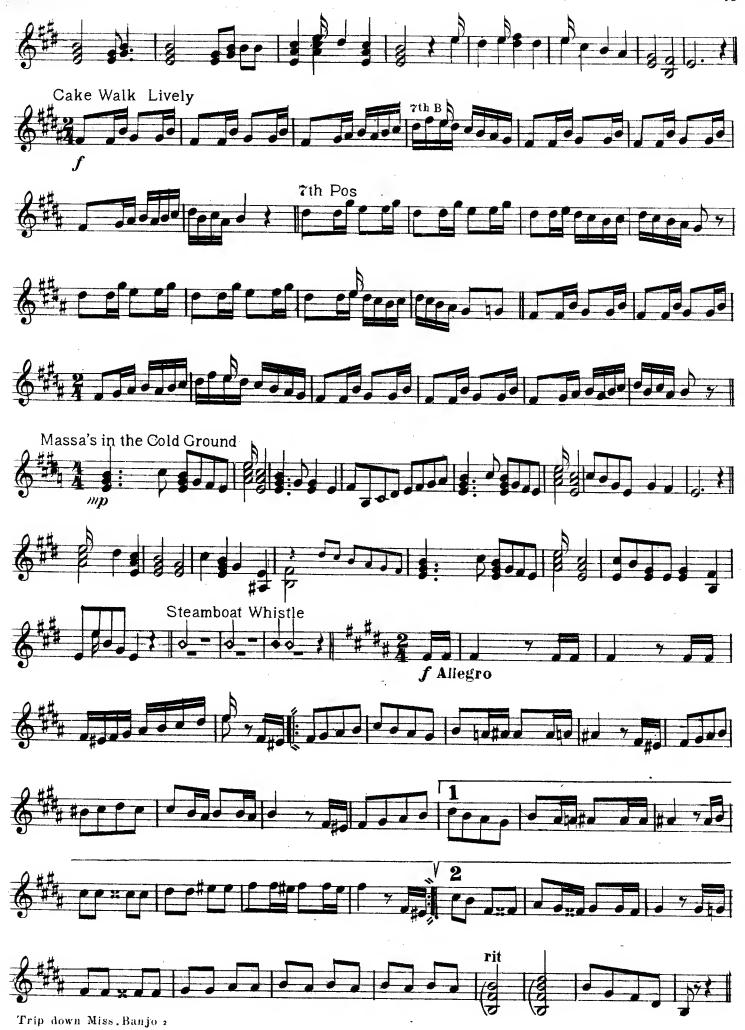
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